

special session of the year 1868, or at its regular session of the years 1868 and 1869, and 1869 and 1870, except the bonds issued to fund the interest on the old debts of the state, unless the proposing to pay the same shall have first been submitted to the people and by them ratified by the vote of a majority of all the qualified voters of the state at a regular election held for that purpose.”<sup>230</sup>

Amend Section 10 Art XI by striking out all of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “The General Assembly may provide that the indigent deaf mutes, blind and insane of the state shall be cared for at the charge of the state.”<sup>231</sup>

And whereas said amendments were submitted to the qualified voters of the state at an election held at the several polling places on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of November 1880.

And whereas returns of the votes cast thereon at said election for and against said proposed amendments were duly made to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State<sup>232</sup> and were by him compared and counted in my presence on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1880, in accordance with law:

And whereas it appears by said count certified to by the Chief Justice, whose certificate is now on file in this office, that there were cast for the first of said Amendments one hundred seventeen thousand three hundred and eighty eight (117.388) votes, and against it, five thousand four hundred and fifty eight (5458) the majority in favor of said amendment being one hundred and eleven thousand nine hundred and thirty (111.930) votes; and for the other of said amendments, there were cast eighty seven thousand one hundred and sixty three (87.163) votes, and against is, seventy thousand four hundred and fifty nine (70.459) votes, the majority in favor of said amendment being sixteen thousand seven hundred and four (16.704) votes:

Now therefore I, Thomas J. Jarvis Governor of North Carolina do, by authority of law, issue this my Proclamation and do proclaim that said proposed Amendments having been duly

<sup>230</sup>For the cause of this amendment, see Message to the General Assembly, March 15, 1880, *n.* 78, in this volume.

<sup>231</sup>The section had previously read “The General Assembly shall provide that all the deaf mutes. . . .” This amendment of 1880 was part of Jarvis’ retrenchment program. See also Jarvis to Craven, February 22, 1879, *n.* 39, in this volume.

<sup>232</sup>William Nathan Harrell Smith, prominent political figure of Murfreesboro; member of the General Assembly, 1840, 1848, 1865; representative of the American party to Congress, 1859–1861; member of the Confederate Congress, 1861–1865; Chief Justice of the state Supreme Court, 1878–1889. *Dictionary of American Biography*, XVII, 366.